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SUBJ: NEW COALITION CABINET ANNOUNCED

1. JUSTICE PARTY (JP) CHAIRMAN SULEYMAN DEMIREL COALLED ON
PRESIDENT KORUTURK MIDDAY JULY 21 TO PRESENT HIS PROPOSED
COALITION CABINET LIST. KORUTURK ACCEPTED THE LIST AND THEREUPON
DEMIREL, WHO HAS RULED TURKEY NEARLY EIGHT OF THE LAST 12 YEARS,
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AGAIN BECAME PRIME MINISTER. THE NEW COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS WHICH TOOK OFFICE WITH HIM HAS 29
MEMBERS, 16 FROM DEMIREL'S JUSTICE PARTY, EIGHT FROM NECMETTIN
ERBAKAN'S NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY(NSP), FOUR FROM ALPASLAN
TURKES' NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) AND ONE NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN
REPORTED TO BE PRO-NAP.

2. THE LIST IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRIME MINISTER SULEYMAN DEMIREL (JP)
DUPUTY PRIME MINISTER NECMETTIN ERBAKAN (NSP)
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALPASLAN TURKES (NAP)
MINISTER OF STATE SEYFI OZTURK (JP)
MINISTER OF STATE SULEYMAN ARIF EMRE (NSP)
MINISTER OF STATE SADI SOMUNCUOGLU (NAP)
MINISTER OF STATE ALI SEVKI EREK (JP)
MINISTER OF JUSTICE NECMETTIN CEVHERI (JP)
MINISTER OF DEFENSE SADETTIN BILGIC (JP)
MINISTER OF INTERIOR KORKUT OZAL (NSP)
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL (JP)
MINISTER OF FINANCE CIHAT BILGEHAN (JP)
MINISTER OF EDUCATION NAHIT MENTESE (JP)
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS SALAHATTIN KILIC (JP)
MINISTER OF COMMERCE AGAH OKTAY GUNER (NAP)
MINISTER OF HEALTH CENGIZ GOKCEK (NAP)
MINISTER OF CUSTOMS GUN SAZAK (NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN)
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FEHIM ADAK (NSP)
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS YILMAZ ERGENEKON (JP)
MINISTER OF LABOR FEHMI CUMALIOGLU (NSP)
MINPSTER OF INDUSTRY OGUZHAN ASILTURK (NSP)
MINISTER OF ENERGY KAMRAN INAN (JP)
MINISTER OF TOURISM ISKENDER CENAP EGE (JP)
MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION RECAI KUTAN (NSP)
MINISTER OF VILLAGE AFFAIRS TURGUT YUCEL (JP)
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MINISTER OF FORESTS SABAHATTIN SAVCI (NSP)
MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS ONAL SAKAR (JP)
MINISTER OF CULTURE AVNI AKYOL (JP)
MINISTER OF SOCIAL SECURITY TURHAN KAPANLI (JP)

3. AT FIRST GLANCE THE NEW DEMIREL GOVERNMENT BEARS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT LEFT OFFICE ONE MONTH AGON, EVEN THOUGH 16 OF THE 29 MINISTERS ARE NEW. MANY OF THE 13 REPEATERS OCCUPY KEY MINISTRIES, HOWEVER-- FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, INTERIOR, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, AND PUBLIC WORKS(ALTHOUGH EVEN AMONG THESE SOME SWITCHES HAVE BEEN MADE). OF THE NEWCOMERS, MANY ARE FAMILIAR FACES IN TURKISH POLITICAL LIFE. MINISTER OF DEFENSE SADETTIN BILGIC, ERSTWHILE RIVAL OF DEMIREL FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE JP, BROKE AWAY FROM THE PARTY IN 1970 AND HELPED FOUND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP). BILGIC'S DECISION IN 1975 TO LEAVE THE DP AND SUPPORT DEMIREL'S EFFORT TO FORM HIS FIRST COALITION GOVERNMENT WAS CRUCIAL TO DEMIREL'S SUCCESS. MINISTER OF FINANCE CIHAT BILGEHAN SERVED IN DEMIREL'S FIRST GOVERNMENT AS MINISTER OF FINANCE. HE SUBSEQUENTLY HAD A DISPUTE WITH DEMIREL AND HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM PARTY POWER CIRCLES UNTIL RECENTLY WHEN HE WAS ELECTED AS ONE OF TWO DEPUTY LEADERS

OF THE JP PARLIAMENTARY GROUP. MINISTER OF JUSTICE
NECMETTIN CEVHERI (WHOM DEPT. OFFICERS MET DURING HIS IV
GRANTEE TOUR LAST FALL IS A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE JP AND
SERVED AS MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM IN DEMIREL'S THIRD
GOVERNMENT. MINISTER OF ENERGY KAMRAN INAN IS A DYNAMIC YOUNG
SENATOR WHO HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND AS A ONE-MAN GOODWILL
MISSION TO WESTERN EUROPE AND THE U.S. THIS IS HIS FIRST
CABINET JOB.

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4. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TURKES, THE NAP CABINET MEMBERS ARE
NEW TO PARLIAMENT AND UNKNOWN TO US. IN CONTRAST, THE NSP
MEMBERS' NAMES ARE WELL KNOWN. MINISTER OF INTERIOR KORKUT
OZAL, GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST MODERATE NSP
DEPUTY, WAS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IN BOTH THE ECEVIT

AND DEMIREL CONALITIONS. MINISTER OF STATE SULEYMAN ARIF EMRE WAS ERBAKAN'S PROXY IN FOUNDING THE NSP AND SERVED AS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE ECEVIT COALITION. MINISTER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGRICULTURE FEHIM ADAK SERVED AS MINISTER OF COMMERCE IN THE ECEVIT COALITION AND AS MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE LAST DEMIREL COALITION. MINISTER OF LABOR FEHMI CUMALIOGLU HAS NOT SERVED IN THE CABINET PREVIOUSLY BUT HAS OFTEN BEEN PARTY SPOKESMAN IN DEALING WITH THE PRESS. MINISTE OF INDUSTRY OGUZHAN ASILTURK SERVED AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR IN BOTH THE ECEVIT AND DEMIREL COALITIONS.

5. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT THE NEW DEMIREL CABINET MAY BE MARGINALLY STRONGER THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE. IN PARTICULAR, MINFIN BILGEHAN, MINDEF BILGIC AND MININT OZAL WILL PROBABLY BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THEIR PREDECESSORS. THE JP MEMBERS OF THE CABINET APPEAR TO REPRESENT AN ATTEMPT BY DEMIREL TO PACIFY POTENTIAL DISSIDENTS. BILGIC, BILGEHAN AND INAN ARE AMONG THE FEW JP POLITICIANS WHO HAVE OPENLY OPPOSED DEMIREL AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER AND SURVIVED AS IMPORTANT POLTICIAL FIGURES. THEIR INCLUSION IN THE GOVERNMENT MAY REFLECT A NEW APPROACH FOR DEMIREL, WHO HAS TRADITIONALLY PUSHED HIS POTENTIAL OPPONENTS INTO POLITICAL EXILE. MORE LIKELY, WE BELIEVE IT REFLECTS THE UNCERTAIN SUPPORT WITHIN THE JP FOR THE NEW COALITION.

6. DEMIREL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE COALITION PROTOCOL WILL BE RELEASED LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW MORNING (JULY 22). WE WILL REPORT SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF THE PROTOCOL WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

7. THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT TO DRAW UP ITS PROGRAM(IN THIS CASE THE PROGRAM SHOULD CLOSELY PARALLEL THE COALITION PROTOCOL) WHICH IT MUST SUBMIT TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS. AFTER TWO DAYS OF STUDY EACH HOUSE WILL DEBATE THE PROGRAM (NORMALLY ONE DAY IN EACH HOUSE). AFTER ANOTHER DAY OF STUDY A VOTE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFIDENCE WILL BE TAKEN. THIS WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN THE FIRST DAYS OF AUGUST. DEMIREL TODAY SAID HE EXPECTED THE VOTE TO BE JULY 31 OR AUGUST 1.

8. WE WILL BE SUBMITTING SOON SUPPLEMENTARY BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AS WELL AS ANALYSES OF THE GOVERNMENT, ITS

PROGRAM (ESPECIALLY AS IT REGARDS CYPRUS) AND ITS PROSPECTS.
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